AIM Institute for Learning and Research believes that improved teacher knowledge will improve teacher practice which will result in improved student outcomes. **AIM Pathways** is designed to improve teacher knowledge and teacher practice.

Prior to starting AIM Pathways: Pathways to Proficient Reading participants will take the pre-knowledge inventory, a 60-question assessment aligned to the IDA Knowledge and Practice Standards for All Teachers of Reading. This inventory measures the participant's foundational knowledge and will be used by the AIM Facilitator to identify course content areas in which participants may need additional support. 60-question post assessment will be administered after course completion to evaluate knowledge acquisition across the content areas. On average, participants demonstrate a 30% increase in their knowledge of the science of reading after satisfactory completion of Pathways to Proficient Reading.

For multi-year implementation, AIM staff will train school-based facilitators to use **AIM Fidelity Tools** to continue to support teachers in development of best practices in literacy instruction using:

- **Practice Profiles**: rubrics used to coach teachers in applying evidence-based literacy practices in their classrooms
- Classroom Fidelity Inventories: walk through documents used to assess teachers' application of practices in the classrooms